



Aidanfield Christian School

Growing in Wisdom and Stature | Stand and be Confident

House Points



Mārangai
19250



Pōtonga
18400



Hauāuru
17750



Tūāraki
15850

School App

- * Stay Up To Date *
- * Notify Absences *
- * Link to our Website *
- * School Calendar *

Download at
[www.aidanfield.apps.school.nz/
install/](http://www.aidanfield.apps.school.nz/install/)



We have a committed group of parents that are available to support you in prayer. Contact Jo Dowle in confidence by emailing prayerrequest@aidanfield.school.nz



Has anything changed for you and your family this term? Moved house / changed email / contact details? Please do let us know.

office@aidanfield.school.nz

Kia ora Aidanfield Whānau

It is a big week in the life of the school. This week we celebrate 30 years of being a school. This is no small achievement and is a testimony to the ongoing blessing of our God as he has worked with both human obedience, courage and faith as well as human frailty and challenge. This week we will bury a time capsule to be opened in 20 years' time at our 50th anniversary celebrations in 2046. In that capsule, we will place a 2025 school magazine, a collection of thoughts from all our pupils about what they think 2046 will be like, some photos of the school as it is today and a letter that captures our history to 2026. We will include a challenge about where the school might be 20 years from now.



A brief history lesson - where did we come from?

As a school, we have a story of perseverance, of faithful service and of godly provision. We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us and we see God's faithful provision through the decades.

If you trace our history to its starting place we emerged in 1996 as a private Christian school, Canterbury Christian College, with the Kings Christian School Trust as proprietor. This happened as multiple smaller Christian schools elected to eventually merge to make one school, the school we have today.

We acknowledge the founders, staff and community of **Calvary Christian School**, which became **Kings Christian School**. Calvary was birthed in February of 1982. It managed to secure a lease to use the old St Joseph's boys home on a 4 hectare block of land at 2 Nash Road - our current site, which looked very different back then. The site was owned at the time by the Eliza White Trust and would eventually be purchased for the school after a court battle, the foresight of the leadership when the lease was confirmed and the provision of our God through the families of the school at the time.

Calvary School initially flourished as a private school but in time the costs became a problem, the fees went up and the school faced insolvency. In 1986 City New Life Church (Majestic House) took over the management of the school and inserted educational leadership as well. However, by 1990, once again the struggle of a small private school became apparent, costs were unmanageable, the roll dropped to 60 students and the church suggested shutting the school. Those who held a vision for what it could be, prevailed, a private trust was established and the school was named Kings Christian School under the Kings Christian Schools Trust in 1991. Even with these changes the roll continues to drop so that by 1995 there were just 35 students and at that stage serious discussions were held with Avon Christian School regarding the possible merger of the two.

We also acknowledge the founders, staff and parent community of **Avon Christian School** which opened in February 1989. It was funded by parents, began with 84 students in years 1 to 11 and was situated in the Old Victory Memorial School in Springfield Road, St Albans on a property owned by a Pentecostal Church. This site had classrooms but very limited playground space. In 1992, the school moved to the old Jubilee Hospital site with the help of funds from a Roman Catholic businessman. Without a home of its own and no funding apart from parents Avon also struggled financially. It did manage to maintain a roll of approximately 100 students but after seven years of operating, it was decided that a merger with Kings Christian School was the only viable pathway forward- for both schools. Kings had a property and few students. Avon had students but no property. The schools merged in 1996 - Canterbury Christian College was born.

In 2026 we would like to acknowledge the founders, staff and the parent community of **Canterbury Christian College** and **Aidanfield Christian School**. Their vision and foresight as well as the commitment of many, mean that we have the schooling option we currently have at Aidanfield Christian School. The schools' name changed in 2009 to reflect the position the school holds in the community that was developing around it. In 1996 the Aidanfield subdivision was not established. The school was surrounded by paddocks and farming. Over the years the city developed and the school became surrounded by new housing. In 1999 the school integrated into the state system of schooling meaning that much of its funding was provided by the government and there was an expectation to meet state standards for education, governance and buildings. Through this time there were still issues with a range of functions to the point where, in 2006, the Ministry of Education suggested to the Board of Trustees at the time, the need to fix the school or close it. There were multiple issues with governance, management and finance. The Christian schools in Christchurch at the time determined to do whatever they could collectively to avoid this and in 2007 a new principal was introduced, new governance provided and new support to the proprietor was added. In 2009, the Board of Trustees decided a name change was appropriate and Aidanfield Christian School took on life. At the time there were 150 students. Since then we have been approved every roll increase application we have made - not always as fast or as big as we have wanted - but always approved. We currently have 450 students and approval to grow to 550 by 2030. The school now has the Christian Schools Trust (CST) as its proprietor (its owner) which means we have the expertise and resources of the Trust that owns us, Middleton Grange, Rolleston Christian and Ashburton Christian schools.

When Canterbury Christian College was opened in 1996 its vision and mission was to "to provide quality education based on a biblical Christian worldview enabling each child to fulfil their God-given destiny". In 2026 our mission is the same. Our vision is to biblical, relational and transformative as we provide excellent education based on a biblical Christian worldview in community.

We were almost shut by the Ministry of Education in the early 2000's due to a falling role and questionable standards of operation. We were the catalyst for the other Christian schools around the city to begin to work together closely so as to support our struggling situation instead of competing. We have survived earthquakes, pandemics and changing societal expectations and norms. We are focussed on being a place where our young ones can 'grow in wisdom and stature so they can stand and be confident".

God has been so faithful to His idea, to His school, to working with our frailty and enthusiasm, and to bringing about His intended plans and purposes. It is a joy to be a part of such a journey and I wonder, as I type this up now, what the journey of the next 20 years to our 50th anniversary holds for those that are called to be a part of it.

May our God be glorified and may He draw all people to Himself, His love, His grace and His intended plan...and may we be like the clay that the potter fashions in that process.

Grace and peace

Mark Richardson
Principal

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 1	4 February - 2 April
10 March	Mufti Day - Mystery Bottle
13- 14 March	ACS 30th Anniversary
13 March	Open Day 11-12.30pm , Assembly 1.30pm burying of the Time Capsule
14 March	School Fair
17 March	School Sports Canterbury Athletics (SSC)
20 March	Teacher Only Day (School closed for students)
23 March	Culture Week
25 March	Year 5/6 Swimming
26 March	Year 7/8 Swimming
31 March	SSC Swimming
2 April	Easter Assembly
2 April	Last Day of Term
3 -19 April	School holidays (includes Good Friday 3 April & Easter Monday 7th April)

TRANSITIONAL UNIFORM FOR AUTUMN AND SPRING

During the months of Autumn (March, April and May) and Spring (September, October and November) students may wear either full summer or full winter uniform due to the changeable weather patterns. Sunhats are compulsory for the entirety of Term 1 and Term 4.

Students can not mix and match the Summer and Winter uniforms.

ABSENCES

If your child is away for any reason, please use the School App to email absences@aidanfield.school.nz OR ring the school (03 338 8153 -option 1 preferred). Thank you in advance

REMINDER: MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Requirements regarding Vomiting and Diarrhoea

Children with vomiting and diarrhoea must stay away from school until there has been no vomiting or diarrhoea for 48 hours.

Attendance Dues 2026

You should have received your 2026 attendance dues statement from The Christian Schools Trust. If you have any questions or queries please refer to <https://tinyurl.com/mwf2yxtw> or contact Rhonda on attdues@cst.org.nz.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION AIDANFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

ALL parents are members of the Parent Association. We would love to have more help with the School Fair on Saturday 14 March 2026. The school fair is our major school fundraiser.

Please contact Claire Adams -see notice on page 7

PRAYING PARENTS

Our faithful group of parents who pray for our school community would welcome more parents to become involved or prayer partners. Please contact Jo Dowle by emailing prayerrequests@aidanfield.school.nz

FAMILY EPISODES UPDATES

Listening to Families videos provide answers to everyday questions about health and wellbeing challenges facing children and adolescents. Many of these challenges can affect overall attendance. The questions the videos answer are real - they come directly from families. The answers are provided by trusted specialists.

ADHD - Parent Program

<https://www.listeningtofamilies.co.nz/adhd/parent-education>

Hania Wagenvoort-Social worker, Jan Hassan-Educational Psychologist and Christchurch Methodist Mission talk about the ADHD Parent program.

RELIEF TEACHERS NEEDED

ACS is keen to add to their pool of valued Relief Teachers. These would be for day relief, often at short notice within the school. If you are a registered teacher, are looking to get back into teaching, wish to have ACS as one of the schools you relieve at AND can uphold the Christian character of the school, please don't be shy - get in touch with Kaye Lawn who will be very grateful to chat with you about the possibilities. This could be for Primary or Middle School (or both). Please email kaye.lawn@aidanfield.school.nz or call in at the office to speak with her. Please also ask those friends and whānau who may be interested in this. Thank you!

AIDANFIELD SCHOOL FAIR

Aidanfield School Fair - How to get involved

Our annual school fair is coming up quickly in just a week. This is such a fun event for our school family and the wider community, it is also our largest fundraiser of the year and we need lots of help to make it happen.

Perhaps you could provide some baking to be sold, donate vouchers or volunteer your time to help out on the day. We also need helpers to set up and pack down before and after the fair.

Please have a read of the attached poster and click on the link to see more ways you can get involved. For more information please email aidanfieldfair@gmail.com

Mystery Bottle Mufti Day

Tuesday 10th March



Every year at the fair we have a fantastic mystery bottle stall. Please can every child bring a bottle of something to school on Tuesday 10th March.

If you are picking something out of your cupboard, please check the expiry date!

Jars filled with lollies are very welcome!

Or you can bring a gold coin donation instead

If you have any questions please email – aidanfieldfair@gmail.com



CAN YOU HELP WITH THE SCHOOL FAIR?

Here's some ideas of how to get involved!

Any questions? Talk to Sarah Cressy, Jessica Fowler or Claire Adams or email aidanfieldfair@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer for a two hour shift at a stall during the Fair on **14 March 2026** or help sort donations during the week

DONATE

Clothes, household goods, toys, books, tools, anything we can sell!

Bring to the trailer at Kiss and Go **9-12 March**.

BAKE

Bake a **yummy treat** for the baking stall or cook a **traditional dish** for the International Cafe

DONATE

Auction items for the live auction or **vouchers** for the voucher wall

SIGN UP

Fill out the Google form:
<https://forms.gle/sESboqK3KetYenb39>



PRIMARY NEWS

Term 1 has started very well in the Primary School. The classrooms are very settled and there are lots of smiling faces from both children and teachers.

In the Junior Learning Communities (NE-Year 2) the highlight has been the trip to Halswell Quarry to work with the CCC Park Rangers learning about seeds and plants. At school, the Juniors cleared the vegetable beds and planted spinach. They are also going to plant some bean seeds and observe their plants growth and change over time. This all connects very well to our year theme of "Flourishing in Deep Connection".



The Year 3-4 Learning Community has been focusing on establishing strong routines. The excitement for the Year 3's have been in having an individual tote tray and their own pencil case. This brings a new level of challenge for many as they learn to manage their own things in the classroom. PE programmes have focussed on small ball skills - throwing, catching and hitting. In Visual Art, the children have been learning about primary and secondary colours using paints.



The Year 5-6 Learning Community has been busy with Cycle Safety for the Year 6's, and the whole Learning Community has been exploring the local history of our place and local area. They walked to Mt. Magdala on the corner of McMahon and Aidanfield Drive. The bus shelter on the corner has interesting information about the area and up the little rise is the resting place of the Catholic sisters who ran an orphanage in the area.





Primary Whānau Fun

The Primary school had a great afternoon of fun last Thursday. In mixed groups across Years 1-6, the children enjoyed a variety of summer activities, some of which included water - bucket relays, duck duck goose, rob the nest, bubbles and target sponges. The afternoon concluded with a water fight for Years 3-6 and the slip and slide for the Juniors, plus a bonus ice block. Our Whānau Fun events are held each term and help us to stay connected across our Primary School. The older



Primary Release Teaching Team 2026

This year we are blessed to have a fantastic team of release teachers who work across the Primary School. These teachers are very skilled at working in different classrooms at different levels seamlessly. Their hard work enables our Whānau teachers time to plan, prepare and work on assessments for our students.



Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Nasalo, Mrs Renner, Mrs MacGregor, Mrs Stamper

Serving at ACS

At ACS we have a focus on service across our school - a chance for students to use their God given talents to bless and encourage others. Several service opportunities have already started for 2026.



Ambassadors - These excellent role models lead our students in several areas. Mrs Thomson mentors this group.

Our 2026 Academic and Cultural Ambassadors are:

- Dana & Yoonseo - with a focus on Manaakitanga and International
- Munro & Grace - with a focus on Service and Mission
- Aaron & Chelsea - with a focus on Student Council and Co-curricular
- Abby & Eathan - with a focus on Sports and Primary Connections



House Leaders - The House Leaders lead our four School Houses - Hauāuru, Mārangai, Pōtonga, and Tūāraki. This year, led by Mrs Beckmann, they are focussing on building a strong school spirit within their houses across the school.

- Hauāuru: Lennox & Emma
- Mārangai: Emmerlyn & Beth
- Pōtonga: Mhadde & Hannah
- Tūāraki: Tami & Bonnie



Peer Mediators - a large group of students from Year 5-10 have been trained to assist in the playground. They help younger students with minor disagreements or issues and are a big help to the duty teachers who support them. Mrs Kennedy provides training for this and encourages any bigger issues to be dealt with by the teachers on duty. She is in charge of this group.

Librarians - 20 Librarians and 5 Head Librarians open the library at lunchtime and help the teacher in charge, Mrs McAven, in issuing and returning books, shelving returns and keeping the space tidy.

Rui and Ahu Challenges - all students from Year 3-10 have the opportunity to complete service as part of their Rui or Ahu challenges. This is a chance to think beyond themselves in how they could serve in their home, church or the wider community.

Environmental Crew - These volunteers are responsible for taking the large, red rubbish bins to the skip to be emptied and returned for another week of busy use by students. Mrs Thomson and Mrs Penny work on this task with Middle School students.

Chair Set Up Crew - A group of Middle School students who set up and put away chairs if needed for assemblies across the school.

Technology set up - This small team of dedicated Year 10 students works to get the technology (sound and data projector) working for assemblies, whether they are inside or outside.

Primary classroom Monitors - Most Primary Classrooms have monitors to enable students to serve others in a variety of ways. While these are usually tasks that are shared throughout the year, it gives our younger students the opportunity to learn valuable lessons in serving their peers.

Sports bin monitors - Middle School volunteer students are allocated days to distribute and collect sports gear used at lunch time by older students. This takes their 'free' lunch breaks - another excellent example of serving others in their own time.

School Fair helpers - The school is almost upon us, and there will be an army of students from Year 5-10 helping in the background, before the day, on the day in a multitude of ways. We cannot run the fair without these volunteers who faithfully serve their allocated times and do so with a positive attitude.



Love one another.

Subway lunch crew - A small team of Year 5-6 students ensure all Subway orders have arrived and sort them for each class, delivering them to Primary classes each Friday. Mr McIntosh's class are the volunteers for this team.

Fiji Missions trip - This group of Middle School students have been working together since last year to ensure the service they are preparing to give in Fiji is effective, and genuinely reflecting the heart of Christ. This group will be led by Mrs Thomson and Mrs Richardson.

SPORTS NEWS

A huge thank you to MS teachers for your support. Our students did an outstanding job braving the cold, putting in their best effort, and showing great behaviour throughout. It was awesome to see them representing our school so well.

A special congratulations to our record breakers:

- Abby D, who broke her own triple jump record from last year
- David C, who now holds new records in both the 200m and 400m

We are also incredibly proud to have 18 students qualified to represent the CSN at the Canterbury Secondary Schools Athletic Championships on 17th and 20th March.



Y10 Netball Team



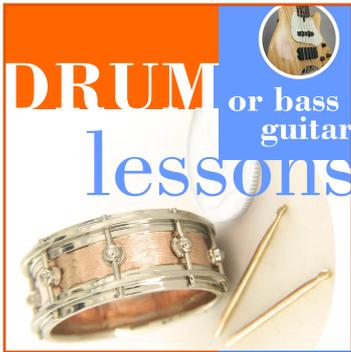
Y9 Netball Team



Y9 Relay Champs



Music Tutors



Graham Thomson

email grayim@hotmail.com

mobile 021 365 313

Graham Thomson offers drums and bass guitar lessons at school during the day on Monday afternoon and after school. Also on Tuesday and Thursday mornings until lunchtime. You can contact Graham on 021 365 313 or Email, him on grayim@hotmail.com

Monster Music
 We offer: Guitar, ukulele and drums
 Open to all ages - but more directed at Years 1-8
 Tutoring day at ACS is on Monday
 Email: office@monstermusic.nz
 Website: <https://www.monstermusic.nz/aidanfield>

Mel Perkins offer singing lessons at school all day on a Wednesday and Friday morning. You can contact her at melperkins5556@gmail.com

2026 Enrolments OPEN NOW
 At Aidanfield Christian School

Guitar
Ukulele
Drums

SCAN ME TO ENROL

Get in Quick - Spaces WILL Fill Up!

- ★ Lessons held during school hours
- ★ Opt into **confidence-boosting performance opportunities**

MONSTER MUSIC
 monstermusic.nz



Christine Rudd teaches lessons on Thursday all day and Friday morning 8am to 10am during the day at school. Her subjects are: Piano/keyboard, Violin, Guitar, Ukelele, Recorder, Singing and more. Contact Christine on 027 227 4856
 Email: christinerudd55@gmail.com



BB 14th Christchurch

- BB 14th Christchurch meets at the Beckenham Methodist Church Hall.
- BB is an adventure based programme for 5 to 18 year olds in three sections.
- BB offers a well-balanced fun filled programme for young guys.
- BB is the oldest international interdenominational uniformed Christian organisation

We run an action-packed programme geared for Young Kiwi Men.

Boys' Brigade 14th Christchurch is a fun filled Christian based programme for boys aged 5-18 yrs old. We operate in four sections, Anchor 5-7 years, Adventure Section 8-10 years, Delta jnr Section 11-14 years and Delta snr 15-18 years old. Activities include Crafts, games, camps, outdoor pursuits, leadership training, life skills and lots more.

We meet on a Friday night at Beckenham Methodist Church Hall, 52 Martin Ave, Beckenham.

For more information info visit our website for www.14thbb.org.nz or contact Stephen Gregory Ph/Txt: 027 4371565, email: admin@14thbb.org.nz



Anchor Boys
 For Boys aged 5 to 7
 6:15 to 7:10pm



Adventure
 For Boys aged 8 to 10
 7:00 to 8:30pm

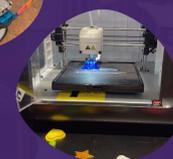


Delta
 For Boys 11 to 18
 7:00 to 9:00pm

SCIENCE & TECH CLASSES

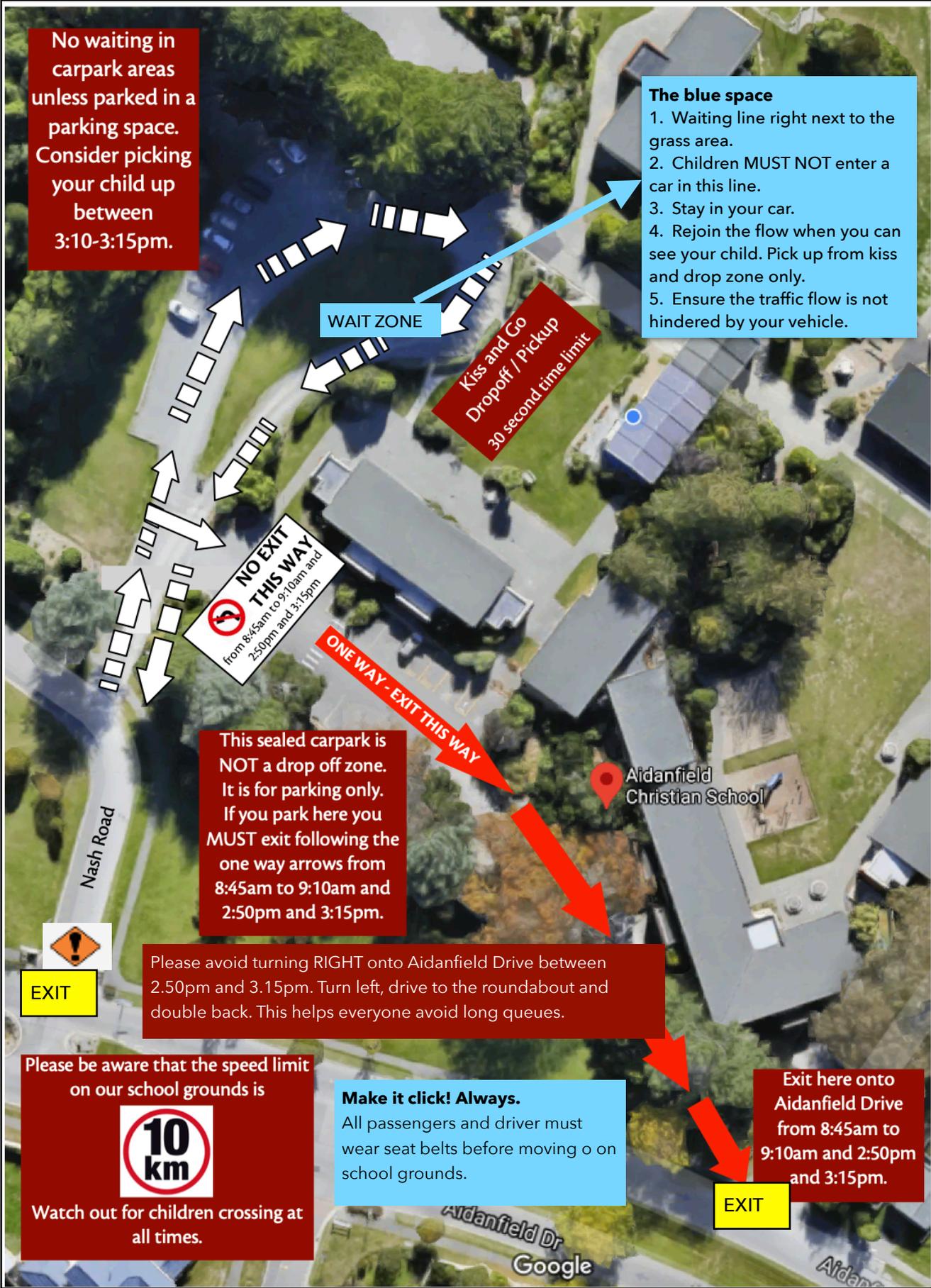
Private STEM Sessions

- PERSONALISED 1:1 SESSIONS FOR YOUR CHILD
 - Coding, robotics, 3d design, science, engineering, Minecraft + more
- BOOKED ON YOUR SCHEDULE
 - During school, after-school
 - Online, at home, local venue
- FOR ALL LEARNERS
 - Extension
 - Building a new hobby
 - Developing confidence & skills
- HIGH & COMPLEX NEEDS SUPPORT
 - IF and carer support funding accepted



BRAINPLAY.CO.NZ

EXIT Please observe the Exits



No waiting in carpark areas unless parked in a parking space. Consider picking your child up between 3:10-3:15pm.

The blue space

1. Waiting line right next to the grass area.
2. Children **MUST NOT** enter a car in this line.
3. Stay in your car.
4. Rejoin the flow when you can see your child. Pick up from kiss and drop zone only.
5. Ensure the traffic flow is not hindered by your vehicle.

WAIT ZONE

Kiss and Go Dropoff / Pickup
30-second time limit

NO EXIT THIS WAY
from 8:45am to 9:10am and 2:50pm and 3:15pm

ONE WAY - EXIT THIS WAY

This sealed carpark is NOT a drop off zone. It is for parking only. If you park here you **MUST** exit following the one way arrows from 8:45am to 9:10am and 2:50pm and 3:15pm.

Aidanfield Christian School



EXIT

Please avoid turning **RIGHT** onto Aidanfield Drive between 2.50pm and 3.15pm. Turn left, drive to the roundabout and double back. This helps everyone avoid long queues.

Please be aware that the speed limit on our school grounds is



Watch out for children crossing at all times.

Make it click! Always.
All passengers and driver must wear seat belts before moving on school grounds.

Exit here onto Aidanfield Drive from 8:45am to 9:10am and 2:50pm and 3:15pm.

EXIT

GROWING IN WISDOM & STATURE

CHARACTER



FAITHFULNESS
I am one whose word others can rely on.

INTEGRITY
My character is reflected in my words and actions.

EXCELLENCE
I always give my best effort.

STEWARDSHIP
I am looking after all the gifts God has given me.



BELIEF
I am finding out about who God is.

IDENTITY
I know who I am. I know my gifts and talents.

DISCERNMENT
I am learning the difference between truth and falsehood, right and wrong.

LEARNING
I give my best in everything as I explore the world and my place in it.

SERVICE
I choose to look out for others. I encourage and support others.

MANAGING SELF
I am organised. I act appropriately.

THINKING
I use my imagination. I am curious.

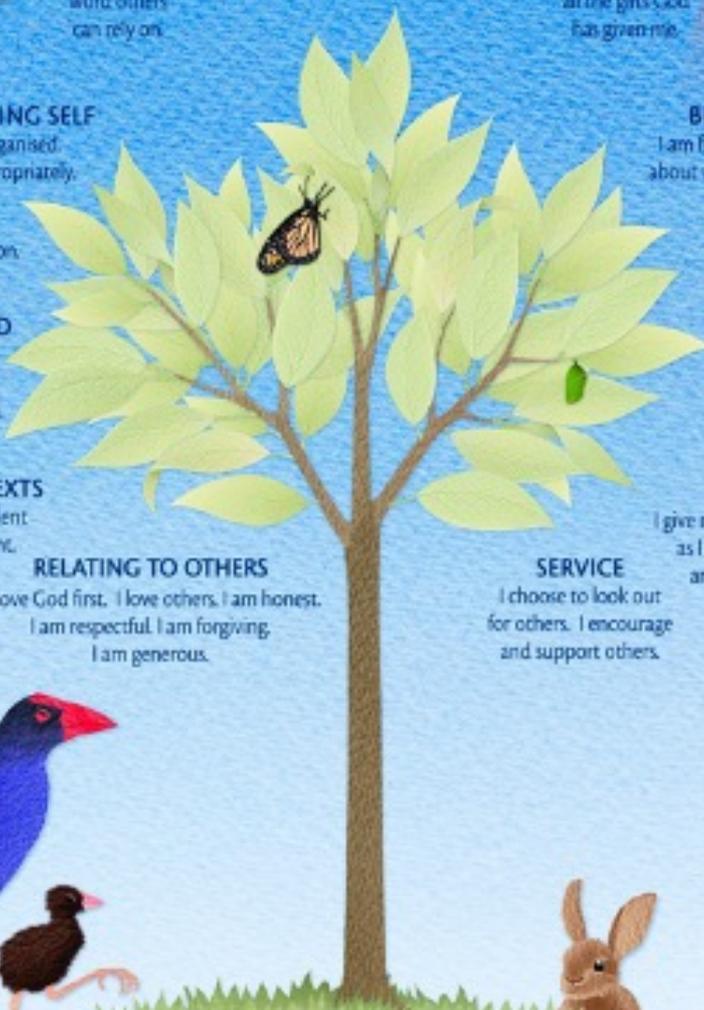
PARTICIPATING AND CONTRIBUTING
I work well in a team. I use my gifts and talents.

LANGUAGE, SYMBOLS AND TEXTS
I am accurate, confident and clear. I am fluent.

RELATING TO OTHERS
I love God first. I love others. I am honest. I am respectful. I am forgiving. I am generous.

LEARNING

PURPOSE



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